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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR OCLR UN XF NO

SUBJ: NIGHT REACH: SEARCH FOR ALTERNATE SOURCES OF UN AIRLIFT

REF: STATE 236014 (NOTAL)

1. WHILE SEEING DEFENSE MINISTER FOSTERVOLL ON OTHER MATTERS THIS MORNING, I RAISED AIRLIFT QUESTION BUT MODIFIED GUIDANCE IN REFTEL TO EXTENT OF ACKNOWLEDGING THAT NORWAY HAS ALREADY BEEN PROVIDING AIRLIFT (A FACT THAT APPEARS TO HAVE ESCAPED DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION).

2. I TOLD FOSTERVOLL WE WERE MINDFUL OF NORWEGIAN ASSISTANCE IN USING TWO C-130'S (EARMARKED AS PART OF NORDIC PACKAGE) FOR AIRLIFTING SWEDISH CONTINGENT AND SAID I HAD BEEN ASKED TO INQUIRE WHETHER NORWAY MIGHT BE WILLING
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TO VOLUNTEER SOME ADDITIONAL AIRLIFT CAPACITY TO THE UN

SECRETARIAT. FOSTERVOLL REACTED POSITIVELY BUT SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT CHIEF OF DEFENSE BEFORE HE COULD RESPOND. HE POINTED OUT THAT NORWAY OWNS ONLY SIX C-130'S AND USES THEM REGULARLY FOR MILITARY TRANSPORT BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH NORWAY, HENCE WHEN THEY ARE DIVERTED COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT MUST BE USED FOR INTERNAL MILITARY PURPOSES.

3. FOSTERVOLL ELABORATED THAT NORWAY IS OF COURSE HIGHLY INTERESTED IN UN PEACEKEEPING AND "ALMOST HAD TO FIGHT" TO GET INVOLVED IN CURRENT EFFORT AT ALL, GIVEN CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION. HE IS GLAD TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE AIR-LIFT ALREADY AND PLEASED TO HEAR US IS INTERESTED IN HAVING NORWEGIANS DO MORE. HE AGREED TO GET BACK IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY AFTER CHECKING POSSIBILITIES.
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